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REMARKS

The Office Action mailed April 20, 2006, has been carefully reviewed and, by this Amendment, Applicant has amended claims 10, 13, 20, 23 and 25. Claims 10-29 are pending in the application. Claims 10 and 20 are independent.

The Examiner rejected claims 10-29 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Particularly, the Examiner stated that in claim 10, line 12 calls for both blades to be curved which is inconsistent with line 14 which calls for the back edge of the upper blade to be straight. The Examiner also identified a lack of antecedent basis in claim 13.

By this Amendment, Applicant has amended claims 10 and 20 to clarify the consistency between the statements that both blades are curved while, at the same time, the back edge of the upper blade is straight. Specifically, both blades curve out of a first plane which, when the scissors are closed and held in a generally vertical orientation, is a generally vertical plane. This means that both blades curve sideways. With the scissors still in such vertically oriented position, the back edge of the upper blade is straight with reference to a second, generally horizontal, plane; hence, the second plane is substantially perpendicular to the first plane. So the back edge of the upper blade is straight with

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reference to the second plane, but curves sideways out of the first plane. This is shown by the side and top views of Figures 2 and 3, respectively.

As the amended text particularly points out and distinctly claims the subject matter of the invention, claims 10 and 20 are in conformity with 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. The antecedent for "said rings" in claim 13 has also been clarified herein. Favorable consideration and withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph is therefore requested.

As there are no other outstanding issues to be addressed, claims 10 and 20 are in condition for allowance. Claims 11-19 and 21-29 are also in condition for allowance as claims properly dependent on an allowable base claim and for the subject matter contained therein.

The amendments set forth herein are directed to matters which are appropriate for correction after "final" action and which place the application into condition for allowance. Entry of the foregoing amendments is therefore proper and is requested.

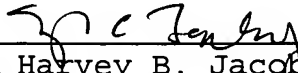

With this amendment and the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned

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attorney so that the present application can receive an early
Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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